

YouGov Sunday Times / Survey Results

Sample Size: 2209 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 7th - 8th May 2009

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Headline Voting Intention

Con	43	100	0	0	41	46	41	41	48	46	40	39	51	46	38	29
Lab	27	0	100	0	27	26	27	31	22	24	30	33	19	31	29	28
Lib Dem	18	0	0	100	18	19	21	17	18	20	16	19	22	11	22	10
Other	12	0	0	0	14	9	12	11	13	10	14	10	8	11	11	33

Other Parties Voting Intention

SNP / PCY	3	0	0	0	3	3	2	4	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	29
BNP	3	0	0	0	4	1	3	3	3	2	4	3	1	4	4	0
UKIP	3	0	0	0	3	2	2	2	4	2	4	2	4	1	3	1
Green	2	0	0	0	1	2	3	2	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	0
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	8	0	0	0	7	9	13	6	5	6	10	7	8	8	8	9
Don't know	12	0	0	0	9	16	13	14	10	11	14	10	12	12	13	15

On June 4 elections will be held for the European Parliament. On a scale of 0-10 where 0 means you definitely WILL NOT vote and 10 means you definitely WILL vote how likely are you to vote in these elections?

0 – Definitely will NOT vote	10	6	6	5	10	11	15	9	7	8	13	8	11	8	12	13
1	2	2	1	0	2	2	3	1	2	1	2	0	2	2	2	1
2	3	2	2	3	3	4	4	3	2	3	3	4	3	3	4	2
3	4	4	4	4	4	5	6	5	2	4	5	2	5	3	5	5
4	3	2	4	3	2	3	4	3	1	3	3	2	2	3	3	3
5	9	9	11	7	9	9	10	9	7	8	10	10	9	9	9	8
6	4	4	4	4	4	5	6	4	3	4	4	5	4	4	4	4
7	6	6	7	4	7	6	9	5	6	7	5	8	5	7	7	4
8	7	7	9	11	7	8	8	8	6	8	7	7	8	6	8	8
9	6	6	6	10	6	6	6	5	6	6	5	6	6	6	5	6
10 – Definitely WILL vote	41	50	44	47	44	38	25	42	53	44	37	46	40	44	36	41
Don't know	4	3	3	3	3	6	5	4	5	4	5	2	5	5	5	4

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Headline European Voting Intention

Conservative	36	85	1	1	34	38	39	34	36	38	32	31	42	38	33	23
Labour	25	0	90	2	24	26	26	28	21	23	28	33	18	30	25	25
Liberal Democrat	20	3	5	87	20	20	22	18	20	22	17	20	23	11	27	8
UKIP	7	7	1	4	8	5	2	6	10	6	7	7	9	6	6	1
SNP / PC	4	1	1	2	4	5	2	6	5	4	6	0	0	5	0	37
Green	4	2	2	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	5	5	4	3	1
BNP	4	2	1	0	5	3	3	4	4	2	6	5	3	4	6	1
Christian Party / Christian Peoples' Alliance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
English Democrats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Libertas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scottish Socialist Party	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Jury Team	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Some other party	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	2

European Non Voters

Wouldn't vote	12	6	6	6	11	12	18	10	8	9	15	9	13	8	14	14
Don't know	15	9	6	8	10	20	16	15	14	15	15	14	16	16	14	15

Do you think Gordon Brown is doing well or badly as prime minister?

Very well	2	0	7	1	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	2	3	3
Fairly well	23	4	65	21	22	23	24	24	21	21	25	26	18	26	22	31
TOTAL WELL	25	5	72	22	25	25	25	25	24	23	27	28	19	28	25	34
Fairly badly	31	25	23	42	30	32	37	30	27	32	30	32	32	29	32	33
Very badly	40	69	2	35	42	38	30	41	47	43	36	35	45	39	40	28
TOTAL BADLY	71	94	24	77	72	70	67	71	74	75	67	67	76	68	72	61
Don't know	5	1	3	1	4	5	8	4	2	3	6	5	5	5	3	5

Do you think David Cameron is doing well or badly as Conservative leader?

Very well	11	27	3	2	11	10	10	10	12	12	9	11	13	11	8	6
Fairly well	46	65	36	45	48	44	43	47	48	49	42	45	49	44	44	47
TOTAL WELL	57	92	38	48	59	55	53	56	60	61	52	56	62	55	53	52
Fairly badly	21	5	31	31	22	21	21	22	21	23	20	23	17	24	23	24
Very badly	12	1	19	16	13	11	11	12	12	10	14	10	9	11	16	12
TOTAL BADLY	33	6	50	47	35	32	32	34	33	32	34	33	27	35	39	36
Don't know	11	2	12	5	7	14	15	10	7	7	15	11	11	11	9	12

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Do you think Nick Clegg is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

Very well	5	3	3	16	6	3	4	4	6	5	4	5	5	4	5	3
Fairly well	39	47	30	60	42	36	29	38	47	43	33	35	44	36	38	31
TOTAL WELL	43	50	33	77	47	39	33	42	52	48	37	40	49	39	43	33
Fairly badly	19	18	22	12	21	17	19	19	20	21	17	23	17	20	18	25
Very badly	8	4	13	3	11	6	7	10	8	7	10	11	6	7	11	8
TOTAL BADLY	28	22	35	14	32	24	26	28	28	27	27	33	23	27	29	33
Don't know	30	28	32	9	21	37	41	30	19	24	37	26	28	34	28	34

Who would you trust more to raise you and your family's standard of living?

Gordon Brown and Alistair Darling	20	1	72	13	22	19	21	21	19	20	21	24	15	22	22	27
David Cameron and George Osborne	35	82	2	17	35	34	34	33	37	39	29	30	41	33	33	27
Neither	37	13	21	65	38	36	36	39	37	35	40	38	35	39	38	38
Don't know	8	3	5	6	5	11	10	8	7	6	10	7	10	6	8	8

In your opinion how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?

Very good	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Quite good	2	0	6	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	3	1
TOTAL GOOD	2	1	6	2	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	1	2	3	1
Neither good nor bad	9	4	20	10	11	7	8	9	9	8	11	11	8	10	9	8
Quite bad	43	36	54	48	42	44	48	41	40	44	42	47	41	45	40	46
Very bad	45	60	20	40	43	47	40	47	48	46	44	39	49	43	47	43
TOTAL BAD	88	96	74	88	85	91	88	88	89	90	86	85	90	88	87	89
Don't know	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2

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Do you fear that you or a close member of your family will lose their job as a result of the current financial crisis?

Yes I do fear this	47	52	40	46	45	49	48	46	47	49	44	42	49	48	47	46
No I don't fear this	28	28	35	28	31	25	33	28	25	28	28	33	26	28	29	30
Not sure	18	15	19	19	17	20	17	22	16	17	20	19	18	18	18	20
Not applicable – neither I nor any close member of my family is currently working	6	6	5	7	7	6	2	5	11	5	8	6	7	7	7	4

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

'Gordon Brown has completely lost his authority following recent parliamentary defeats and other reversals'

Agree	61	89	17	65	63	60	55	61	68	64	58	60	65	62	61	51
Disagree	24	4	67	24	27	21	25	25	23	24	25	26	19	26	25	36
Don't know	15	7	16	12	10	18	21	14	10	12	17	15	17	12	15	13

Which of the following statements comes closer to your view?

The Government is in so much trouble that there should be an immediate general election	37	67	4	32	39	36	34	37	41	38	37	35	41	37	38	28
A general election campaign would distract attention from the country's problems: it would be better to hold the election next year	53	28	90	62	55	51	51	55	52	55	50	54	48	54	53	63
Don't know	10	5	6	5	6	13	15	8	8	8	13	11	11	10	9	9

Many experts say the next government, of whichever party, will have to cut public spending sharply over the next few years to reduce government debt.

Which of the following statements most closely represents your view on this?

Public spending should be left alone and instead taxes should be increased	7	4	12	9	9	6	5	7	9	7	8	7	7	7	8	7
The burden of reducing debt should be split evenly between public spending cuts	52	47	61	67	52	51	47	51	56	54	49	55	52	48	52	55
Public spending should be cut significantly but taxes left alone	30	43	17	20	32	28	32	31	27	32	28	26	29	35	28	30
Don't know	11	7	10	4	8	15	16	12	7	8	16	12	12	11	12	8

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In the 1990s, Canada's government cured its debt problem by announcing across-the-board public spending cuts of 20% over three years. Spending has never been cut by this much in Britain.

Would you back such a policy for the UK or not?

Yes would support	54	70	41	51	58	50	54	51	57	56	52	52	53	59	55	48
No would not	22	11	36	32	26	17	20	22	22	23	20	24	20	20	23	25
Don't know	24	19	23	16	16	33	26	27	21	21	28	24	28	21	23	27

Teachers' unions want SATs tests for 7 and 11 year-olds to be scrapped because they put too much pressure on teachers and pupils. The Government says they should be kept for Maths and English to improve educational standards but is abandoning Science SATs.

What is your view on this?

All SATs for 7 and 11 year-olds should be scrapped	50	49	47	61	46	53	44	50	53	50	49	46	52	46	56	37
SATs should be retained for Maths and English only	21	22	26	20	21	21	19	24	19	23	19	26	22	21	18	21
All SATs should be retained including Science	18	20	18	13	20	16	26	15	15	17	20	19	16	22	17	19
Don't know	12	10	9	7	14	10	12	11	12	10	13	10	11	12	10	24

Do you think the government's response to the swine flu outbreak including closing some schools and leafletting every home was the right decision or an overreaction?

It was the right decision	49	38	69	52	50	47	53	48	47	48	50	52	46	51	49	52
It was an overreaction	45	56	27	44	44	45	39	45	49	47	43	42	46	44	46	41
Don't know	7	6	5	4	6	7	8	7	5	5	8	6	8	6	5	7

The Government plans to sell a minority stake in the Royal Mail to a private company as part of a plan to modernise it and make it more efficient. Which option do you favour?

The government should totally privatise the Royal Mail	11	17	9	9	14	9	12	12	10	12	11	14	9	11	12	11
The government should sell a minority stake in the it to a private company	9	8	13	8	10	8	13	8	7	10	8	12	10	8	6	10
The government should turn it into a publicly-owned not-for-profit company, like Network Rail	32	31	34	39	34	30	26	31	37	34	30	29	30	33	33	35
The government should keep the Royal Mail as a publicly-owned corporation, as it is now	37	36	36	40	34	39	30	39	40	37	37	33	38	36	38	38
Don't know	11	9	8	5	8	15	19	10	7	8	15	11	14	11	10	7

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In his April budget the chancellor increased taxes on everybody earning more than £100,000 and introduced a new top rate of 50% on incomes above £150,000. He said this would only affect the very well-off.

How much do you think you need to earn each year to be 'very well-off' in Britain these days?

£30 000	3	2	5	3	3	3	2	3	2	4	1	4	3	3	1	
£50 000	12	12	12	12	15	10	16	13	9	10	15	9	11	15	14	10
£75 000	19	16	25	20	23	16	24	16	18	18	20	17	20	21	17	21
£100 000	24	22	25	25	23	24	25	24	23	25	22	22	23	23	25	25
£150 000	12	9	12	17	10	13	8	13	13	13	10	15	10	10	13	14
£200 000	10	15	7	8	10	11	9	11	11	12	8	13	11	8	9	14
£300 000	5	9	3	4	5	6	4	4	7	6	4	6	6	5	5	6
£500 000	9	11	6	8	8	9	5	11	9	8	9	11	8	9	8	5
Don't know	7	5	5	4	5	9	6	6	8	5	9	7	7	7	7	6

On a lighter note which of the following songs would you MOST associate with Gordon Brown?

Road to Nowhere	26	37	5	22	26	26	23	29	25	24	28	25	26	27	28	22
Things can only get better	16	8	35	16	14	18	12	19	17	16	17	13	16	18	16	19
Sorry Seems to be the Hardest Word	16	23	8	20	16	17	11	15	21	19	13	15	19	12	17	16
I'm Still Standing	12	5	27	14	11	13	12	13	12	14	11	15	10	11	13	19
Hey Big Spender	6	8	4	7	7	6	9	5	5	6	7	5	8	6	6	4
Lying Eyes	6	9	1	5	6	5	5	4	8	5	6	6	6	7	5	3
Taxman	5	6	4	4	6	4	8	4	3	5	5	5	5	7	4	4
You Sexy Thing	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	0
Mr Blue Sky	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know	11	4	14	10	11	10	16	9	8	10	11	15	10	11	8	12

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As you may know, most Gurkha soldiers from Nepal who joined the British army but retired before 1997 are NOT allowed to settle in Britain. Recently the Government announced plans to allow some to settle in Britain, if they were in the Army for at least 20 years, or won awards for gallantry, or were injured in battle.

Which of the following statements most closely represents your view on this?

All Gurkhas who served for Britain and their families should be allowed to settle in	74	78	70	78	75	74	63	79	79	73	75	72	74	76	75	73
There should be fewer, but still some, immigration restrictions on Gurkhas who	14	13	17	16	15	13	17	12	14	16	12	15	14	13	15	15
The government is right to impose these restrictions	4	3	7	2	4	3	6	3	3	5	3	4	4	2	4	5
The Government should go further, and not allow any retired Gurkha soldiers to	2	2	1	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	3
None of these	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Don't know	5	3	5	1	3	7	11	4	2	4	7	6	6	7	4	4

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and political party identification:

	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Age and Gender		
Male 18 to 24	70	132
Male 25 to 39	245	287
Male 40 to 54	284	287
Male 55 +	455	354
Female 18 to 24	91	132
Female 25 to 39	363	288
Female 40 to 54	274	309
Female 55 +	427	420
Region		
London	342	283
Rest of South	714	717
Midlands and Wales	416	473
North	513	543
Scotland	224	193
Social Grade		
ABC1	1345	1216
C2DE	864	993
Newspaper Type		
Express / Mail	530	353
Sun / Star	314	485
Mirror / Record	235	353
Guardian / Independent	113	88
FT / Times / Telegraph	226	210
Other Paper	320	276
No Paper	468	441
Political Party Identification		
Lab	723	706
Con	573	574
Lib Dem	222	265
Others	84	67
None	532	541
Don't know	75	56